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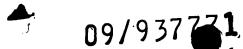
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE00/00955	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE March 29, 2000	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 30, 1999				
TITLE OF INVENTION MECHANICAL LINK BETWEEN SIDE WALLS AND THE REAR WALL OF A SHEET CASING (As Amended)						
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Heinz-Jürgen NIGGL						
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:						
<ol> <li>This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).</li> <li>The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).</li> <li>A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))         <ul> <li>is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </li> <li>A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li>An eart transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> <li>A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>A translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>						
Items 10-15 below concern document(s) or information included:  10. An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.  11. An assignment document for recording.						
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a. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.  b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 19-3935 in the Amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.								
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